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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kiyoshi Nishio et al) Art Unit: 3746
Appln. No. : 09/868,938) Ex: C. J. Tyler
Filed : July 18, 2001)
For : FLUID DEVICE HAVING)
DOWNWARDLY INCLINED)
LOWER LAMELLA PORTION OF)
A BELLOWS (AS AMENDED))

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract are being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Office Action of September 24, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title on page 1 with the following:

R' --FLUID APPARATUS HAVING DOWNWARDLY INCLINED LOWER LAMELLA
PORTION OF A BELLOWS--

Please replace the last two paragraphs on page 2 which extends to the first eighteen lines on page 3 with the following: